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In re Application of	:	
DESURMONT, Guillaume et al.	:	
Application No.: 09/937,090	:	DECISION ON
PCT No.: PCT/FR00/00614	:	
Int. Filing Date: 14 March 2000	:	PETITION
Priority Date: 24 March 1999	:	
Attorney's Docket No.: 6680-010	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.181
For: METHOD OF COPOLYMERIZATION	:	
AND RESULTING COPOLYMERS	:	

This decision is in response to applicants' "Response to Notification of Defective Response," filed with the Office on 15 July 2002.

BACKGROUND

On 14 March 2000, applicants filed international application PCT/FR00/00614, which claimed a priority date of 24 March 1999. A copy of the international application was transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 28 September 2000. On 19 September 2000, a demand for international preliminary examination was filed, prior to the expiration of nineteen months from the priority date. As such, the deadline for entry into the national stage in the United States was thirty months from the priority date, or 24 September 2001.

On 21 September 2001, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee.

On 09 November 2001, the Office mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), indicating, *inter alia*, that an oath or declaration of the inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) and the surcharge for filing the oath or declaration after thirty months were required. The Notification set a two month extendable period for reply.

On 23 April 2002, applicants filed the petition requesting that the Office reset the time period for reply so that it starts on the date when the correspondence was received by the applicant, instead of on the mail date. The petition included a certificate of first class mailing indicating the correspondence had been deposited with USPS on 12 April 2002.

On 14 June 2002, the Office mailed Notification of Defective Reply.

On 15 July 2002, applicants submitted the instant response.

DISCUSSION

Petition To Reset Time Period For Reply

A petition to reset the time period for reply must be (1) timely filed, (2) demonstrate significant delay, (3) present evidence, (4) state when the communication was received and (5) be signed.

Items (1), (2), (4) and (5) were previously met.

Item (3) has been satisfied. Though applicants have not presented evidence of the receipt date of the Notification of Missing Requirements, applicants have produced the envelope from the Notification of Missing Requirements indicating it was mailed on 11 March 2002.

The time period for response to the Notification of Missing Requirements is reset to begin on 11 March 2002.

The fee for the four month extension of time will not be charged.

Declaration

The declaration submitted on 15 July 2002 complies with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

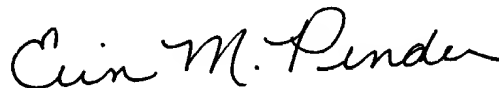
CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 14 March 2000 under 35 U.S.C. §363 and a date of 15 July 2002 under 35 U.S.C. §371. This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of the PCT Operations for continued processing in accordance with this decision.



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